

# Merritt records impressive win

## Vernon remains tied as Broncos lose too



Merritt Centennials have been in last place since the B.C. Junior Hockey League schedule opened this year.

But, the way Centennials are playing these days, it appears like they have plans on moving up the ladder.

Cents defeated Vernon Vikings, for the second time within one week, 6-3 Tuesday, in Merritt.

Score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period but the Cents skated away from Vernon during the middle period.

Paul Chadwick opened the scoring at 11:22 but before the first period had ended, Grant Sidnick tied the score for Vernon when he deflected a shot from the point, by Terry Anaka.

In the second period, it was Vernon goalie Jim Scammel against Merritt. Centennials applied continuous pressure and it finally paid off at 6:16 when Lance Nordstrom scored a power play goal to put Merritt ahead to stay.

Bob Wasson and Bob Peebles scored for Merritt midway through the second period before Dwight Bailey notched a power play marker to make the score 4-2.

Chadwick, on a cleancut breakaway, beat Scammel

near the end of the second period and Merritt went to the dressing room with a 5-2 lead.

Greg Agar made it 6-2 midway through the third period when he converted a pass from linemate Daryl Zelinski. The two speedy Merritt forwards were in alone on Scammel.

Newcomer Floyd Thompson, got his first goal as a Viking with five minutes remaining, but it was far too little, far too late.

Over the night Scammel made 38 saves, including 21 during the second period. Merritt goalie Jerry Price turned in perhaps his best effort of the season turning away 28 shots.

Centennials were assessed 43 minutes in penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct to Agar. Vikings spent 25 minutes in the sin bin.

A win Tuesday would have enabled Vernon to move into sole possession of second place in the interior division. Pentiction Broncos, who are tied with Vikings for second spot, were dumped 5-3 by league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos Tuesday.

The win gave Kelowna 22 points, seven ahead of the Broncos and Vikings, and 11 ahead of Merritt.



**VERNON VIKINGS** had trouble penetrating the Merritt Centennials' defence all night Tuesday as the Cents dumped Vernon 6-3. But, when Vernon did get in on goal, netminder Jerry Price was usually in the right place, as he shows above. Vernon forward Floyd Thompson (17) is tied up by Cents' defenceman Lance Nordstrom. Below, Vernon centre Darrell Billsten is unsuccessful in his bid to forecheck the puck away from Merritt defenceman Dale Weatherell.

(Daily News Photos by Don Kendall)

# Sports

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## Nettles gets off

**VANCOUVER (CP)** — British Columbia Lions football player Ernest Ray Nettles, 25, was acquitted Tuesday of possessing marijuana.

Provincial Court Judge Murray Hyde dismissed the charge for lack of evidence after the Crown said a substance taken from Nettles

## ENDERBY LANES BOWLING SCORES

An Enderby team captured first place in the Master-junior tournament held Sunday at 'J' Lanes in Salmon Arm.

The team of master Tessie Kent, junior girl Linda Clark, and junior boy Dwayne Lee, took top honors when they bowled 235 pins over average.

**MONDAY LADIES**  
High single, Tass Kent 269;

### THURSDAY COFFEE

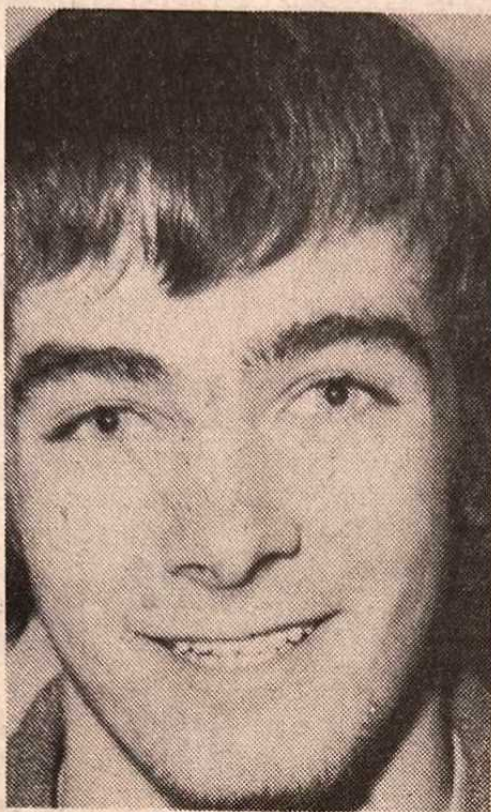
High single, Martha Altmeyer and Hilda Friebe 233, high triple, Martha Altmeyer 646.

### JUNIOR YBC

Girls' high single, Linda Clark 221; boys' high single, Jock Desjardine 177; girls' high triple, Linda Clark 536; and boys' high triple, Jock



**MIKE SMITHSON**  
... in goal



**BARRY DYE**  
... joins club



**ROD DYCK**  
... may play

# Vernon Jr. Canadians to start schedule soon

Vernon now has two junior hockey teams, and after a lengthy absence, the name Canadians will again become synonymous with hockey in the North Okanagan.

Vernon Junior Canadians, junior B team, will play a schedule of exhibition games this year.

One of the owners of the Canadians, Vern Dye, told the Daily News the team is primarily for players too old to play juvenile and have no place else to play organized hockey.

Other owners of the club are Herman Thirston, Don MacDonald, and Gerry Weman, who will double as coach.

## FOUR GAMES

Dye said, "B.C. Amateur Hockey Association rules

state that a team must play four games by the end of December to be eligible for provincial playdowns. We will certainly play more than that."

To date, about 20 players have indicated they are interested in playing for the Canadians. Goal promises to be the club's strong point with Mike Smithson and Charlie Briskham in the nets.

Other players who have indicated they will play include Dave Caldwell, Barry Dye, Bernie Marchand, Jeff Todd, and Ross McDonald.

Weman also hopes to have Rod Dyck, who was recently released by Medicine Hat Tigers, on the roster.

If acquiring ice time in Vernon becomes a serious problem, the team will play in Armstrong or Lumby.

To date eight games have been set against teams from the Kootenay International Junior B League. Vernon will play two games against Rossland, Grand Forks, Spokane and Trail.

Dye said, "We are hoping to play a large number of games and may make a swing to the coast.

"There are a lot of players who, when they reach the age of 18, 19, or 20, find they have no place to play hockey. They are not quite good enough, or considered too old, to play junior A, and they are too old for juvenile. This is who the Canadians are for."

Practices will start within a few days and the first game will be in about two weeks.

Any players interested can contact Dye at 542-9931.